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NORTH SEA AFFAIR

The International Commission Investigating It Makes a Semi-Official Statement.

IT IS A VICTORY FOR RUSSIA.

It Gives No Opinion on the Question of Presence or Absence of Jap Torpedo Boats.

Declares the Russian Admiral Legitimately Believed His Squadron in Danger and Had a Right To Act As He Did.

Paris, Feb. 23.-A semi-official statement appeared relative to the work of the international commission which rectly into conference without an ophas been considering the North Sea portunity being afforded to debate it. incident. It is as follows:

"The Hull commission met in the ministry of foreign affairs, and again in the afternoon in order to proceed to a final examination of the report, the house entered upon exercises aprecapitulating its conclusions. The author is Adm. Von Spaun (Austrian), lard, presented by the state of Illinois. but all the members of the commission collaborated in drawing it up. The commission gives no opinion on the question of the presence or abthe Russian admiral legitimately begered and that he had the right, under the circumstances, to act as he did. sian government's engagements to indemnify the victims of the deplorable

British Comment.

London, Feb. 23.-A strong chord of indignation is sounded by the London daily newspapers over the semiofficial statement relative to the defull text of the commission's report may modify the impression produced by the preliminary version, which is sition. one of intense disappointment.

The Daily Mail goes so far as to declare that the decision has dealt a the newspapers blame the government strongly for ever consenting to subject such a matter to arbitration while some of the government organs Russia. No question is raised that during the debate the assassination of the decision must be respected and Great Britain's share of the heavy Baker (N. Y.), who condemned the accosts will be ruefully paid; but it is held that the decision leaves the question of a neutral right on the sea in expressing the sentiment that the gova deplorably unsatisfactory state, and ernment and American people viewed creates a dangerous precedent.

STRUCK BY A SABER.

Unknown Man Attempted to Shake Hands With the President.

dent apparently is not annoyed by an incident which occurred in Philadelphia while he was driving from the Academy of Music to the armory, feet of the president's carriage. There he was struck with the flat of a saber hibit the importation of opium into by one of the four troopers who surby one of the four troopers who sur-rounded the president's carriage, and poses also failed. Immediately after in the crowd. The man appeared to harbor appropriation bill, but it was be a laborer about 45 years of age. Those who witnessed the incident believe that he merely sought to shake hands with the president.

BATTLE WITH YAQUIS.

Two Score Were Killed and 167 Pris oners Taken.

La Colorado, Mex., Feb. 23.-The Mexican forces under Gen. Torres score of Yaquis and taken 167 prisoners in a two day's battle with the camp. When the fight ended Gen. though there were sick and wounded ton. among the returning troops.

A Japanese Loan.

Tokio, Feb. 23.-As a result of a conference with the bankers of Tokio, Yokohama, Osaka, Nagoya and Kyoto, the government has determined on a fourth domestic loan of 100,000,000 yen, to be issued at 96 per cent. and payable in seven years.

Wireless Telegraph System.

Colon, Feb. 23.-Orders have been eceived from Washington to resume the installation of a wireless telespot originally selected. It is expect-JI. C. D. Houston ed that the work will be completed in three months.

Found on the Dissecting Table. St. Louis, Feb. 23.-The body of home of his father, George B. Thompson, at Atlanta, Ga., last May, was, through the father's efforts, found on the dissecting table in a medical col-

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

Second Session.

Washington, Feb. 18 .- The senate assed the bill appropriating \$9,940. 000 for the District of Columbia and he diplomatte and consular appropriation bill carrying \$2,156,000. The dipomatic bill received the attention of the senate for only 12 minutes and was passed without discussion. A special feature of the day was the accentance of the statue of Frances E. Willard, the distinguished temperance advocate, which has been placed in Statuary hall in the national capitol by the state of Illinois. The senate terminated its controversy with the house over the amendment construcing the provision in the Dingley law relative to the drawback on imported wheat by receding from the amendment inserted in the agricultural appropriation bill as it passed the sen-

In order to facilitate action at this ession on the statehood bill the house passed a resolution sending that measure as amended by the senate di-With the exception of Mr. McLachland (Cal.), who voted with the democrats. party lines were strictly drawn. After several hours' discussion the naval appropriation bill was laid aside and propriate to the reception and acceptreport is rather long. The principal ance of the statue of Frances E. Wil-

Washington, Feb. 21.-Whether the senate conferees on the statehood bill will represent the party that defeated joint statehood for Arizona and New Mexico, or the party that fought for sence of Japanese torpedo boats in the retention of that provision was dethe North Sea, declaring merely that bated at length in the senate, but no decision was reached. The usual manlieved that his squadron was endan- ner is to name as conferees the two ranking majority members and the ranking minority member of the committee having the bill in charge. In The commissioners refer to the Rus- the present case it was contended by Senators Gorman and Teller that the conferees, if so named, would not represent the sentiment for the bill as passed by the senate.

The house, after a seven hour session, passed the naval appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$99,914,359. The provision for two battleships, as reported by the committee on naval cision of the North Sea commission affairs, was retained. Both the magiving to Russia the victory, but it is jority and minority were badly dividstill hoped that the publication of the ed over the proposition, at least 40 the republicans, while about an equal number of republicans voted in oppo-

Several important changes in the bill were made. The proposed increase of 1,200 men and officers for death blow to arbitration. Some of the marine corps was stricken out, as was also the provision authorizing the construction of a collier somewhere else than at the Mare Island navy yard in California. In order to do the work better an item of \$175,000 was find cold comfort in the fact that the inserted for the proper equipment of country by doing so avoided war with the Mare Island yard. Several times Grand Duke Serigus was referred to, tion of President Roosevelt in sending a message of condolence to Russia the act with abhorrence.

Washington, Feb. 22.-The senate passed the military academy approof the Indian appropriation bill. Early in the day, in response to a question Mr. Elkins, chairman of the committee on inter-state commerce, express-Washington, Feb. 23.-The presided the opinion that it would be impossible to secure railroad rate legislation during the present session of congress. The senate took up the Isthmian canal bill.

The house passed the Philippine where he was the guest of the city tariff bill, practically as it came from troops at luncheon. Before the presi- the committee, with but little discusdential party reached the city troop sion. There was no especial opposiarmory an unknown man dashed into tion to it, although amendments comthe street and got within eight or ten ing from the democratic side designed to put certain products on the free checked by the force of the blow he the Philippine tariff bill was disposed staggered back and was lost sight of of the house took up the river and soon laid aside, and several measures were passed, the most important of which was the authorization given the secretary of war to return to the several states union and confederate battle flags.

AFTER THE BEEF TRUST.

A Special Federal Grand Jury at Chicago Ordered.

Chicago, Feb. 22.-A special federal numbering about 400, have killed two grand jury venire was ordered and ten deputy United States marshals sent out with subpoenas summoning more savages in the mountains east of this than 25 members of the so-called beef trust. When the federal grand jury Luis Torres, with his staff, two-thirds has been sworn in these men will be of his force and the prisoners return- taken before it and an attempt will ed to La Colorado. The Mexican of be made to indict persons restrained ficers refused to make any statement by Judge Grosscup's decision in the of their own losses until they make beef trust case, which was recently official report, but private settlers of sustained by the United States suthe force who took part in the fight preme court. It is said this action is say they were inconsiderable, al- the outcome of orders from Washing-

TROUBLE INCREASING.

Shops Were Pillaged and Fighting Occurred in Many Parts of Baku.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—Telegrams from Baku report that the disturbances there are increasing and that fighting has occurred in many parts of the town, that shops have been pillaged and houses burned, and that the inhabitants are panic-stricken. Serious disturbances are also reported at Balakhany, eight miles north of Baku thither.

Training of Cadets. Washington, Feb. 22.-Under inboard of army and naval officers met consider and report upon the possible training of cadets at the United States military and naval academies and the question of swords and swordsnlanship in the army and navy.

THRILLING STORY OF A CY-CLIST'S TERRIBLE RIDE.

Ignores Hasty, But Timely Warning, and Has to Ride for His Life -Overtaken But Is Saved.

There were obvious signs of thunder when I set out to spend the evening with my friend at S--. A bright harvest moon shone down, lighting the road before me. Away, almost on the horizon, a heavy bank of clouds growled ominously and at frequent intervals.

Riding steadily, I was at length brought to a standstill by the road branching off in opposite directions. My memory of the way up to this point had held me good. But now I hesitated, doubtful which of the two roads I should take. Whilst in this dilemma, I noticed the figure of a man approaching. "Is this the road to S-?" I asked.

Without heeding, the man hurried on. repeated my question. This time he heard, and, half turning, nodded his

"What is the matter?" I shouted. "Wolf-escaped-from menagerie at " he gasped, in a terrified voice, and vanished round the corner.

Laughing to myself at his cowardice, mounted my machine and was soon gliding along the quiet lane. Strangely, up to the present, I had felt no alarm at the thought of a wolf roaming the country. But presently I began to experienve a distinct sensation of nerv-

By now a heavy bank of clouds obscured the moon. The darkness was intense. Still I rode on, making good progress, my path at times lit up by dazzling flashes of lightning.

Suddenly my lamp went out. Dismounting, I struck a match, and had just succeeded in kindling the wick, when a strange noise fell upon my ears. I listened intently.

The regular pit-pat of some approaching animal sounded clearly in the dark stillness. That instant, a flash of lightmembers of the latter going over to ning lit up the road. I looked! I gasped! In the brilliant glare a gray-



WOLF - ESCAPED - FROM MENAG ERIE," HE GASPED

brown object was visible, rushing headlong towards me.

"The wolf!" I shrieked, and, springing on my bicycle, fled, filled with mad

How I kept my balance I cannot say The mortal dread of what would happen should I fall seemed to sap the strength from my limbs. Once I thought I had outdistanced the creature. I glanced behind, as another flash turned darkness into

Pit, pat, with red tongue lopping and swinging from side to side, I saw the brute, clinging tenaciously to the chase. By now my knees ached intolerably, my breath came in sobs, and I felt as if my chest would burst. Then, just as despair had overwhelmed me, I saw the lights of a farmhouse not 20 yards

I pulled up abruptly. A moment later my fists beat wildly against the door. Suddenly a dark object bounded towards me. My mind reeled, and I collapsed on the doorstep, unconscious!

When I came to my senses I found myself seated in a big arm-chair. Bending over me, a broad smile overmantling his face, stood the master of the house. "Where is the wolf?" I asked, feebly.

"Wolf!" he laughed. "Why, there is the terrible wolf, sleeping peacefully at your feet! It was our old sheep-dog all the time. He mistook you for my son. Well, well, he gave you a little exer-

System to Prevent Railway Collisions. An interesting change was recently

made in the signaling system of New graph system with the station on the and troops have been summoned Zealand's railway, which, it is thought, will make collisions impossible. It is called the "tablet system," the essential point being that no engineer is allowed to leave a station without a tabstructions from the president a joint let in his possession, and the machines are so made that it is impossible for two Harry G. Thompson, 20, who left the at the army war college building to of the tablets to be out at the same time. It is claimed by railroad experts that under this system two trains cannot be on the same section at once, so that the danger of collisions is entirely done

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